



Chairperson AGM report September 2019

Deaf Action has had an active year advocating for legislation and policy changes.

Examples of some of the work Deaf Action has undertaken;

Deaf Action has raised regulatory issues with Airline Cabin Passenger Safety to get NZSL added to the safety video with CAA NZ. CAA NZ have advised Deaf Action they have no plans to have NZSL added to Safety Videos on Aircraft.

Deaf Action has made submissions to Governance and Administration Select Committee to have NZSL interpretation reinstated to the House of Representative sittings. Parliament TV and Office of the Clerk are finalising the details of the reinstatement.

Deaf Action has petitioned and presented to the Justice Select Committee to seek removal of Election barriers as well as support the Election Access Bill.

Deaf Action has petitioned to the House of Representatives to have Public Health Alerts immediately in our Official Languages. A presentation will be done to the Health Select Committee on Wednesday 18th September.

Deaf Action has put in an application to the Office of Disability Issues to join the DPO Coalition. This application is currently being reviewed by the Coalition members.

Deaf Action made the public aware of scammers operating in NZ that were using finger-spelling cards. There are calls for a law change to prevent entry of further scammers in NZ.

Funding of an advocacy organisation will always be challenging. We need to seek new ways to make this work through our current minimal overheads.

Deaf Action needs to develop a long term Human Rights plan within the next few months.

I look forward to continuing supporting our Human Rights access in New Zealand.

Kim Robinson
Chairperson